

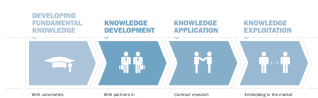
# › MODELLING OF ORTHOTROPIC BRIDGE DECK

A parametric finite element model using DIANA Fea | S.T. Hengeveld

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## INTRODUCTION TO TNO

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- › 9 Units
- › Buildings - Infrastructures and Maritime
  - › Structural reliability
  - › Structural dynamics
  - › Innovation centre for building
- › Products and services
  - › Modelling and simulation studies
  - › On-site and offshore measurements
  - › Laboratory experiments: fatigue, fracture, shock



## INTRODUCTION

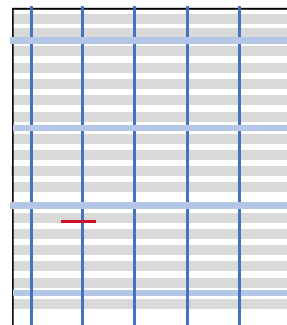
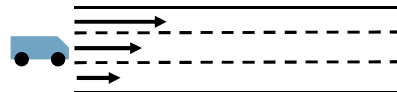
- › The Netherlands has a lot of steel bridges
- › Changing traffic loads
- › Fatigue life time is important
- › Orthotropic bridge
  - › Transversal and longitudinal girders
  - › Troughs
  - › Deckplate
- › Focus of this presentation is the interface between python and Diana



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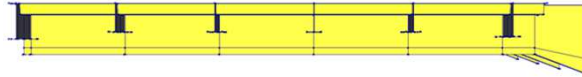
## SHOWCASE

- › A single bridge owned by the community
- › A two lane bridge + Entrance lane
- › Four longitudinal girders
- › Six transversal girders
- › Seventeen troughs
- › Goal: Determine maintenance and inspections intervals
  - › Critical location Trough-Deck connection
  - › Strain range → Stress range → Fatigue life time → Maintenance interval

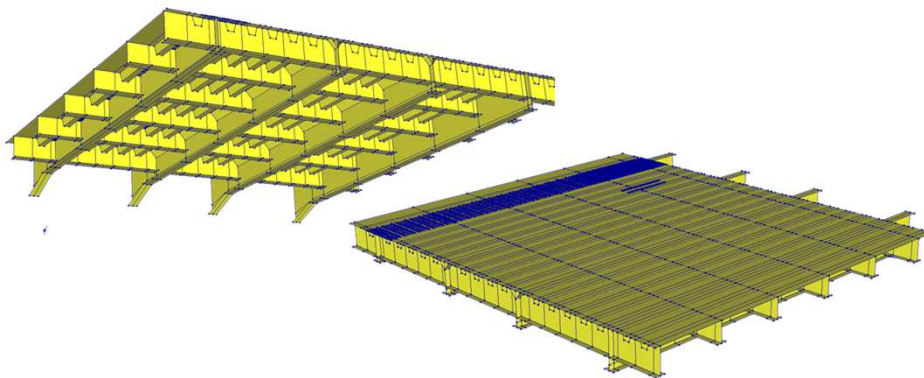


## FEA MODEL

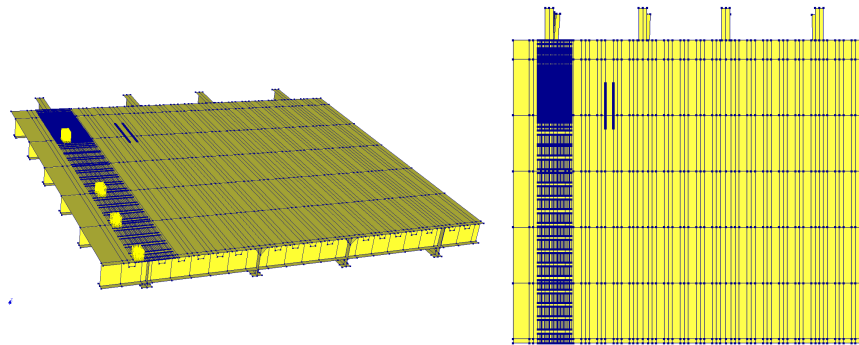
- › Build in DIANA 10.1
- › Shell elements
  - › Quadratic
  - › 200 000 ~ 300 000 Elements
- › Surface loads to represent wheelprints
  - › Over 3000 different locations calculated
  - › Mesh refined below wheelprints and near POI's
- › Linear elastic analyse
  - › Super position of results to find axle loads
- › Validated model with measurements
  - › Strain gauges at bottom side of trough



## OVERVIEW OF MODEL

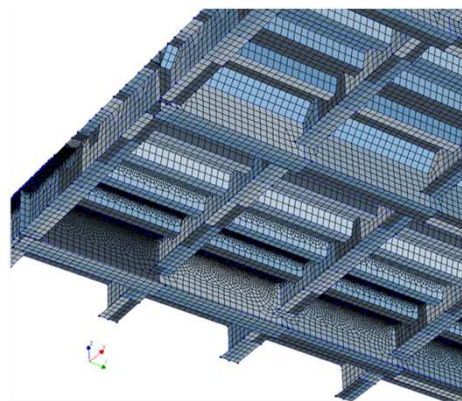
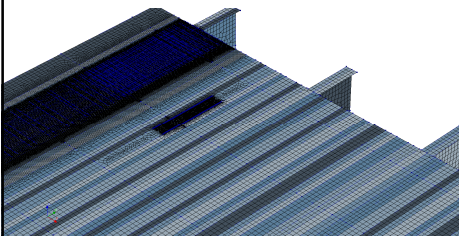


## LOADCASES AND DATA POINTS

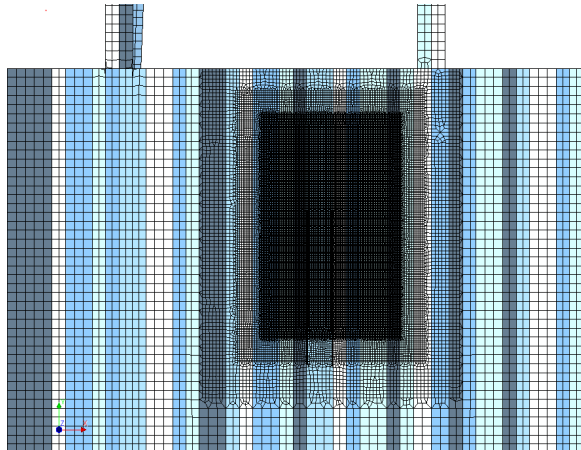


## MESH

- › Locally refined near hotspots and hotspots locations

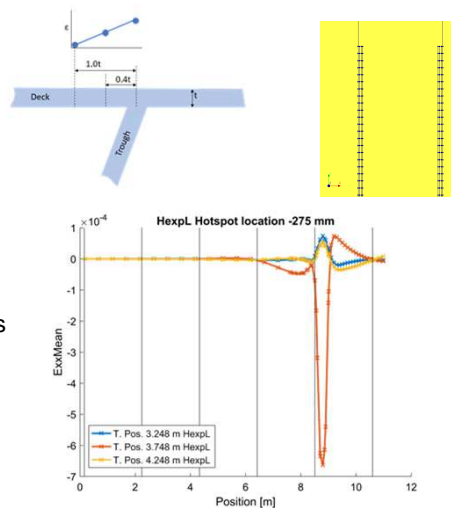


## MESH (2)



## RESULTS

- › Strain in transversal direction
  - › Hotspot strain by extrapolating strain at 0.4T and 1.0T
- › Influence lines in both transversal and longitudinal direction
  - › Example longitudinal direction
  - › Three different transversal positions



## PARAMETRIC MODELLING

- › Goal:
  - › Automated modelling of different orthotropic bridges based on a general input file
- › Both pre and post processing is automated
- › Input is based on simple input file
  - › Multiple groups of parameters
  - › Automatically extended by adding a parameter

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# Create by Sjoerd Hengeveld, TNO 22-09-2017
[trough]
nr = [1,2,3,4,5] # Number of trough per segment (so between longitudinal girders)
# Distance from girder to center of first trough (to position all
c2c = 100 # c2c distance
height = 220 # height
thickness = 10 # thickness
widthBottom = 170 # width trough bottom side
thickness = 5

[girder]
c2c = [150,200,200,200,200,200,200,200,200,200] # c2c distance
height = 150 # height of longitudinal girder
thicknessLange = 10 # thickness bottom lange
thicknessWeb = 10 # thickness web
width = 100 # width bottom lange
widthLange = 10 # width bottom lange
widthLange = 10 # width bottom lange
thickness = 5

[deck]
thickness = 12

[wheel]
load = -5 # uniformly distributed load of wheel print
nrX = 11 # number of wheel prints in transversal (x) direction
nrY = 11 # number of wheel prints in longitudinal (y) direction
length = 250 # length wheel print type A
width = 100 # width wheel print type A
x10 = 000
y10 = 000
type = 2
load = [1000]
locX = [0000]
locY = [0000]

[mesh]
elemType = 10
coordBeg = 100
coordEnd = 100
seedFraction = [10,10]
nrElemX = 10 # number of elements per bounding box
nrElemY = 10 # number of elements per bounding box
nrElemZ = 10

[transformations]
girderIdz = [0,10] % for numbering see sketch
girderIdz = [0,10,10,10]
girderIdz = [0,10,10,10]
girderIdz = [0,10,10,10] % transformations are based on top part of flange

[datatypes]
# according to thicknesses
# [nr1,nr2,nr3] # [nr1,nr2,nr3] distance from girder
troughNr = 5 # Multiple numbers can be applied FIRST THROUGH IS 1
# 0 = 0

[general]
projectFolder = simulation1012
projectName = TestParametricModel1001
nrC = 1

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## MODULE ORTHODECK

- › Top level definitions
  - › Modelling is divided in parts
  - › Adjustments can be done after every stage
- › Common interface: FunctionName(var, globdat)
  - › Globdat: global database, a bibliography containing all properties
  - › Var: variables, a bibliography containing all runtime variables and state variables
- › Only non-automated part is meshing
  - › Hard to automate
  - › Less prone to errors

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#####
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#### Author: Sjoerd Hengeveld TNO
####
#####
import os
import ModuleOrthoDeck
import pickle
from ModuleOrthoDeck import *
# Initialize Model
startTimeDef(filePath, 'a')
globdat = createGlobalDatabase(filePath, 'input.ini')
initializeNewModel(var, {})
var = readVarFromFile(globdat, 'init')
# Create Geometry
addTransversalPart(var, globdat)
addDeck(var, globdat)
addLongitudinalGirders(var, globdat)
addGeometryToSurfaces(var, globdat)
addMaterialsToBridge(var, globdat)

# Add loads
addAllWheelPrintsLocation(var, globdat)
addBoundingBox(var, globdat)

# Do adjustment to model
transformations(var, globdat)
addElementGroupToAnalyse(var, globdat)a

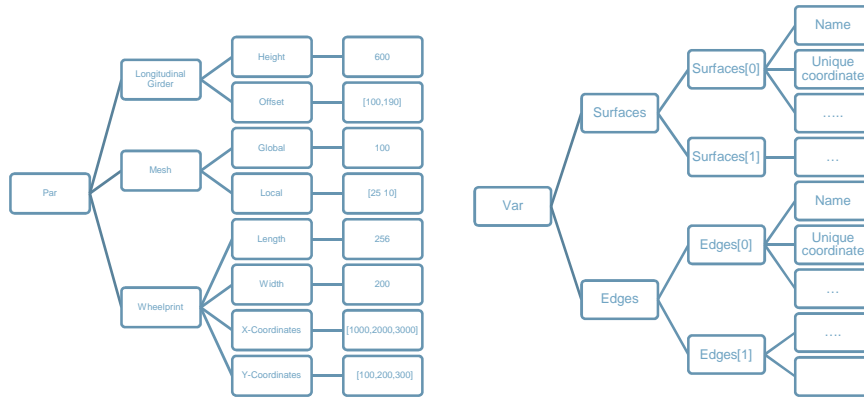
# Add supports
addSupports(var, globdat)a

# Add analyses and create batchfiles
addAnalysisToBridge(var, globdat)

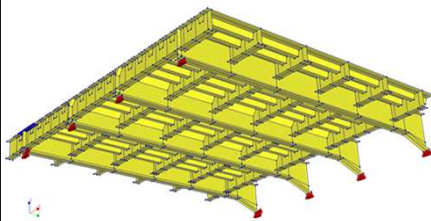
finishModel(var, globdat, 'completeModel')
#####
print('Finished everything')

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## COMMON DEFINITION SIGNATURE



## EXAMPLE: BC'S



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def addSupports(var,par):
#Definition which add 2-supports in model
#First select correct surfaces
addSet(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, 'BoundaryConditions')
tempStr2 = 'BC1_2'
tempStrV = 'BC1_V'
tempStrX = 'BC1_X'

createPointSupport(tempStrV, 'BoundaryConditions')
createPointSupport(tempStrX, 'BoundaryConditions')
createLineSupport(tempStr2, 'BoundaryConditions')

setParameter(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, tempStr2, "AXES", [1,2])
setParameter(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, tempStr2, "TRANSL", [0,0,1])
setParameter(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, tempStr2, "ROTATI", [0,0,0])

setParameter(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, tempStrV, "AXES", [1,2])
setParameter(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, tempStrV, "TRANSL", [0,1,0])
setParameter(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, tempStrV, "ROTATI", [0,0,0])

setParameter(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, tempStrX, "AXES", [1,2])
setParameter(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, tempStrX, "TRANSL", [1,0,0])
setParameter(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, tempStrX, "ROTATI", [0,0,0])

temp = findObjectList(var['surface'], 'type', 'girderFlange')
surfaces = findObjectList(temp, 'it', 0)

for ii in range(0, len(surfaces)):
    surf = surfaces[ii]
    ep = surf['edgePoints']
    point = [(ep[0][0]+ep[1][0])/2, ep[0][1], ep[0][2]]
    attach(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, tempStr2, surf['name'], [point])

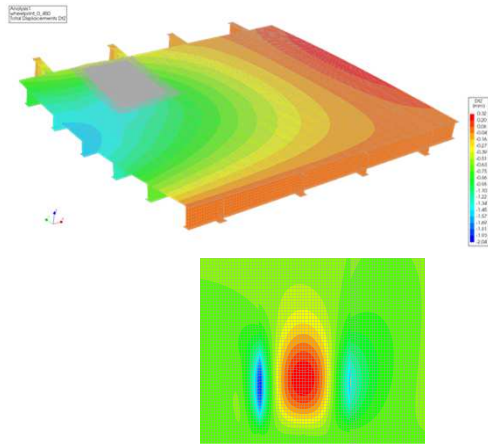
attach(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, tempStrX, surfaces[0]['name'], [surfaces[0]['edgePoints'][0]])

temp = findObjectList(var['surface'], 'type', 'girderFlange')
surfaces = findObjectList(temp, 'it', len(par['girderF'])['c2c'])
for ii in range(0, len(surfaces)):
    surf = surfaces[ii]
    ep = surf['edgePoints']
    if len(ep)>0:
        point = [(ep[0][0]+ep[1][0])/2, ep[0][1], ep[0][2]]
        attach(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, tempStr2, surf['name'], [point])

attach(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, tempStrX, surfaces[0]['name'], [surfaces[0]['edgePoints'][0]])
attach(GEOMETRY SUPPORTSET, tempStrV, surfaces[0]['name'], [surfaces[0]['edgePoints'][0]])
  
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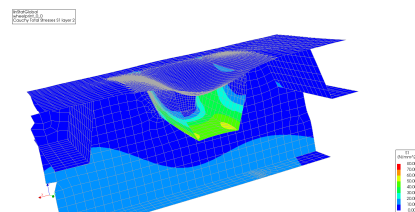
## POSTPROCESSING

- › Per loadcase a single Tabulated output file is generated
- › Per set of loadcases a .Dnb file is used to check the global behaviour
- › Tabulated outputfiles are postprocessed using MATLAB

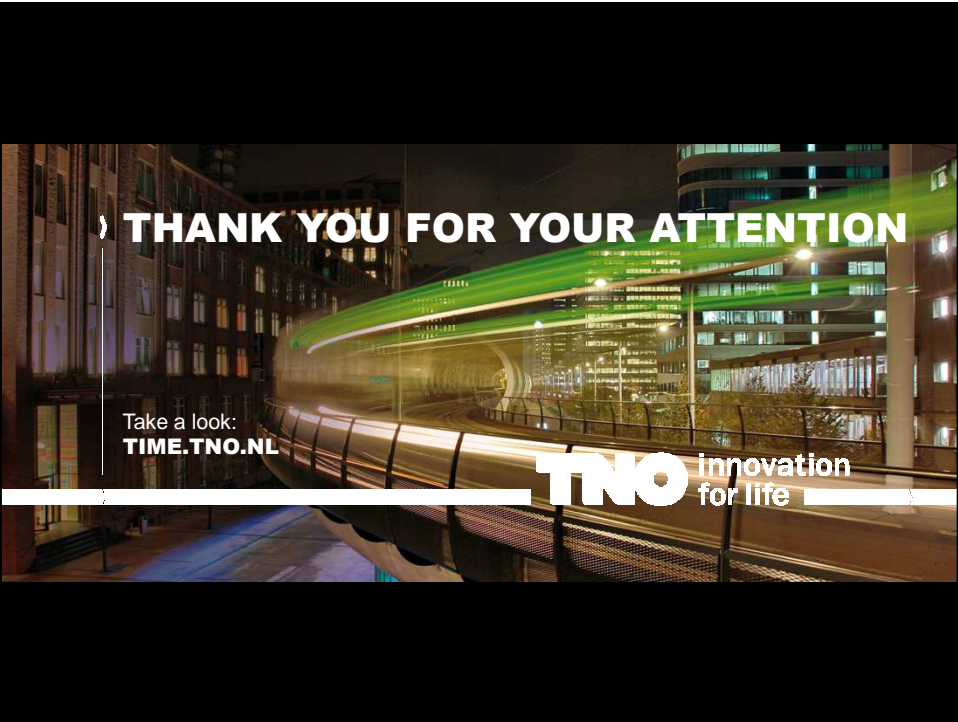


## CONCLUSIONS, CHALLENGES & LEARNING POINTS

- › For large (parametric) studies repetitive work can be easily reduced by using python interface
- › If preferred meshing can be automated, but it is a challenge to add mesh refinements
- › Accurate bookkeeping of geometry is needed





A nighttime photograph of a city street featuring a tram. The tram is in motion, creating a long, horizontal light trail in shades of green and yellow. The background shows city buildings with lit windows and streetlights. The overall scene is dark, with the light trails providing a sense of movement and energy.

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